GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services - State Tax Department - Surprise check conducted by the ACB over the O/o.CTO, Mangalagiri Circle, Guntur district on 28/29.03.2016 - Disciplinary proceedings initiated against Sri Thummala Panduranga Venkata Lakshmi Kameswara Rao (Sri T.P.V.L.Kameswara Rao), S/o.Sambasiva Rao, Assistant Commercial Tax Officer (SO-1) retired from service on 31.01.2020 and others - Inquiry report received - Inquiry report communicated - Representation submitted - Show Cause Notice issued to SO-1 - Explanation submitted - Imposed penalty of withholding of 5% cut in monthly pension for a period of one (1) year on Sri T.P.V.L.Kameswara Rao, ACTO (Retd) - Orders - Issued.

REVENUE (VIGILANCE-VI) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 415 Dated: 12-05-2025

Read the following:-

1. From the DG, ACB, Lr.C.No.123/DES-VGT/2016-S.17, dated 28.04.2017
2. Govt.Memo.No.17023/4/2017-Vig.II, dated 08.06.2017.
3. From the CCT's, Lr.Ref.No.V3/147/2016, dated 16.09.2020.
4. From the CCT's, Lr.Ref.No.V3/147/2016, dated 10.03.2021.
5. From the CCT's, Lr.Ref.No.V3/142/2016, dated 27.06.2022.
6. Govt.Memo.No.162557-17023/4/2017-1, dated 31.08.2023.
7. Govt.Memo.No.162557-17023/4/2017-4, dated 12.01.2024.
8. Written representation on the show-cause notice received from Sri T.P.V.L.Kameswara Rao, ACTO (Retd.), dated 25.10.2024.

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ORDER:-

Whereas, in the reference 1st read above, it has been brought to the notice of the Government that the Anti-Corruption Bureau officials, based on the credible information that the officials of the Commercial Taxes Department, Mangalagiri Circle, Guntur district have been collecting bribes/mamools from various dealers who are running commercial businesses at Amaravathi and surrounding villages, Guntur district by sitting in a local Sales Practitioner's office namely Sri Rama Raju Venkata Anjaneya Sharma, at Amaravathi village and by putting the dealers under fear of imposing Tax and thereby indulging in corruption, have organized a surprise check on the said office on 28.03.2016 from 19.20 hours to 01.30 hours on 29.03.2016 and recommended departmental action against (1) Sri Thummala Panduranga Venkata Lakshmi Kameswara Rao, ACTO (SO-1), (now retired on 31.01.2020) (2) Sri Yenumula Bhaskar, Junior Assistant (SO-2) and (3) Sri Danaboina Nuka Raju. Attender/Office Subordinate (SO-3) (Expired on 31.12.2016) for major penalty for violation of Rules 9 (8)(A) & 3(1) & (2) of A.P.C.S. (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

2. Whereas, in the reference 2nd read above, Government initiated common disciplinary proceedings against Suspected Officers-1 to 3 in terms of Rule 24 of

the AP Civil Services (CC&A) Rules, 1991 for violation of the AP Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

3. Whereas, in the reference 3rd read above, the Chief Commissioner (ST) has furnished the Death Certificate of SO-3 informed that Sri Danaboina Nuka Raju, Office Subordinate (SO-3), O/o.CTO, Mangalagiri expired while in service on 31.12.2016.

4. Whereas, in the reference 4th read above, the Chief Commissioner of State Tax has stated that the disciplinary authority i.e., Dy.Commissioner (State Tax), Guntur Division, Guntur has framed charges against (SO-1) Sri T.P.V.L. Kameswara Rao, ACTO and (SO-2) Sri Yenumula Bhaskar, Junior Assistant except (SO-3) Sri Danaboina Nuka Raju, Office Subordinate expired while in service on 31.12.2016. The disciplinary authority had appointed Smt.T. Himabindu, Asst.Commissioner (ST), Patnam Bazar Circle, Guntur, as an Inquiry Officer; and Sri G.Sridhar, Range Inspector-2 was appointed as Presenting Officer. The Inquiry Authority has submitted the Inquiry Report to the Jt. Commissioner (ST), Guntur and the same has been communicated to the individuals for their representations. The Charged Officers filed their representations.

5. Whereas, in the reference 5th read above, the Chief Commissioner (ST) has forwarded the inquiry report to the Government after following due procedure as per scheme of vigilance for taking further action. Whereas, in the reference 6th read above, the Chief Commissioner of State Tax was directed to instruct the disciplinary authority to impose a punishment of stoppage of one (1) annual grade increment without cumulative effect against Sri Yenumula Bhaskar, Junior Assistant.

6. The three (3) charges have been framed against Sri T.P.V.L.Kameswara Rao, ACTO (Retd) and findings of the Inquiry Authority, as the Charge No.1 is held not proved and the Charge Nos.2 and 3 are held proved. Government have taken a provisional decision to impose a penalty of withholding of 5% of the monthly pension for a period of one year on Sri T.P.V.L.Kameswara Rao, ACTO (Retd) and issued a show cause notice to submit his reply to the notice within 15 days to the Government vide reference 6th read above. The CCST was requested to furnish the representation/dated acknowledgement of Sri T.P.V.L.Kameswara Rao, ACTO (Retd) and the action taken report in respect of Sri Yenumula Bhaskar, Jr.Asst., for taking further necessary action in the matter, vide reference 7th read above.

7. Whereas, in the reference 8th read above, the Charged Officer-1 Sri T.P.V.L. Kameswara Rao, ACTO (Retd) has submitted his explanation stating that out of three charges framed against him, the Inquiry Officer reported the Charge-2 and 3 are held as proved and the remaining charge-1 are held not proved and the proposed penalty is totally unjust and has requested to drop the proposed penalty against him and denied the charge framed against him and not put-forth any new grounds in his representation.

8. Government, after careful examination of the matter and written explanation submitted by the Retired Charged Officer-1 and in view of the findings of the Inquiry Officer, hereby order to impose penalty of withholding of

5% cut in monthly pension for a period of one (1) year on Sri T.P.V.L. Kameswara Rao, ACTO (Retd) O/o.CTO, Mangalagiri, Circle, Guntur District.

9. The Chief Commissioner of State Tax, Andhra Pradesh, Kunchanapalli, Guntur shall take further necessary action in the matter accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

PEEYUSH KUMAR
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The individual (through the Chief Commissioner of State Tax, Andhra Pradesh, Kunchanapalli, Guntur district)
The Chief Commissioner of State Tax, A.P., Kunchanapalli, Guntur district
The Joint Commissioner (State Tax), Guntur

Copy to:-
The Director General, Anti-Corruption Bureau, Vijayawada
The Secretary to Vigilance Commissioner, A.P.Vigilance Commission
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SECTION OFFICER